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EDITORIAL . . .

ARE DISPENSATIONS DOOMED?

Recently we heard a preacher make a statement something like this, "We all realize that Abraham lived in a different dispensation. That is, if we believe in dispensations . . ." Presumably it was his impression that there were people in his audience who had rejected dispensational interpretations so that any statement of dispensational relationships must be carefully qualified. It is certainly no secret that in some quarters today, dispensational truth is counted scarcely a worthy study. It well may be that our preacher's qualification was needed and that, in 1954, dispensational truth is to be counted of no great consequence of Biblical interpretation and it would be better if it were minimized or wholly ignored.

The emphasis upon the study of dispensations seems to have grown up within the first decade or so of the present century. It was granted tremendous emphasis with the appearance of the Scofield Bible in 1909, and with the appearance of the writings of Clarence Larkin in 1918. To some measure the original dispensational outlooks were a reaction against traditional prophetic and eschatological doctrines and dispensational truth was something of a back-to-the-Bible movement. The teachings of dispensationalism have outmoded almost all of the prophetic and apocal-

tical interpretations of our great Bible commentators of the past generation. This is so even though these traditional classics continue to be sold. But the question is, did dispensational truth react so violently that it in itself became an error just as the views that it sought to overthrow?

At least some things appear quite certain. It is certain that until the time the Lord Jesus lived and died on earth and until He began His heavenly intercessory ministry, no one was saved, sanctified, baptized, and directed heaven-ward by simple faith in Him. And before Moses descended from Mt. Sinai carrying the two tables of the Law of God, it is likewise true that there never was an individual whose life was lived in utter conformity to those commandments, precepts, and ordinances of the Lord. And who can deny that before man fell in the garden of Eden, and obtained the knowledge of good and evil, there was no human who possessed the inward heart evidence of the will of God on matters of human conduct? There was no grace before Calvary, no law before Sinai, and no conscience before the fall in the garden.

By token of evidences in the past, so we may survey the future. There can be no kingdom of Heaven on earth until the King of Heaven is on earth. There can be no kingdom of Heaven on earth until all of the kingdom citizens are brought back here to dwell. Conditions now are not what they are yet to be, and what they are yet to be is not to be the outcome of the here and now but the out-come of a total cataclysmic transformation wrought by the return of Jesus Christ.

Perhaps there is valid objection against teaching Bible truth by means of a collection of weird and wonderful diagrams that reduce God and Christ, the angelic hosts, and redeemed man to mere pencil symbols upon a paper. Perhaps it is valid to object to dispensationalism when it becomes some kind of a dividing sword that severs the Bible and closes that portion of it to certain Christians. And perhaps we can get along without a burdensome list of terms (including the word *dispensations* itself) in an array of Greek and Hebrew originals that mean little even when we know them!

But it is true according to the Word of God that His dealings may vary. They have done so historically and



Should G. T. B. I. student, Carolyn Williams, throw the Editor's Dispensational Truth books into the incinerator?

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they will be so in the future. The kind of dispensational truth teachings we need are those that in sincerity and simplicity expound the Word of God and make real His plan for mankind. God has a Gospel that is the way of salvation for today. We need the kind of teaching that proclaims that Gospel in all its apostolic simplicity. No dispensational truth can be doomed when it constitutes the simple illumination of the Spirit upon the message of the Word for contemporary man.

COVER PICTURE —

The scene of the mountain village in Samoa was supplied to us through the courtesy of District Missionary Maurice H. Luce. Brother Luce tells us that this is the typical habitat of many Samoan people, though others prefer to live on the seashore under quite different conditions.



THE WISDOM OF MAN

By LEWIS F. WILSON

On the outskirts of our little mountain village I recently met an interesting, if eccentric, character. For some years he had been a college professor until, becoming disillusioned with life, he had retired to a simple life in the Sierras. Hoping to point him to the One who makes life worth living, I steered the conversation toward eternal truth. But seemingly in vain. As so often is true with men of higher education, he had neither confidence in the Bible nor concern for his soul.

Such a situation is tragic, not only because his soul is worth the world and his talents would be an asset in the kingdom, but because such men are teaching an ever increasing stream of our Assembly of God youth. Subjecting them to such well trained minds and their Christless philosophies has too often proved fatal. After all, it isn't enough for our Christ's Ambassadors to finish college merely with their salvation intact. For if the unrelenting search for proof deadens faith in the supernatural manifestations of the Holy Spirit, something infinitely more valuable than natural learning has been lost.

Yet there is obviously a place in God's work for educated men. Moses, the prince in the court of Pharaoh, and Saul, the Pharisee at the feet of Gamaliel, are outstanding examples. And in the words of a regenerated Saul there is helpful instruction for everyone who would face the coldness of worldly philosophy victoriously, "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."

Many have testified to penniless transients, thinking that these in their unfortunate predicament they might

be open for spiritual help. But dressed in dirty rags, without food or education the needy usually offer their pet theories. In fact, the lowest sometimes prove to be the most self-righteous. Such a condition could be humorous if it wasn't so pathetic. But at least it is easy to relegate such man-made wisdom to the source that inspired it.

Yet when such philosophy is encountered in the corridors and classrooms of our universities, the result is often different. Though dressed in more learned terms the ideas may be much the same. The academic atmosphere and the professor's degrees make an impression that may readily sink too deep. Gradually or rapidly, consciously or unconsciously, faith is worn away.

But, according to Paul, "*not the wisdom of this world nor of the princes of this world*" should affect the Christian. If the teaching of the most brilliant psychologist, historian, or scientist does not harmonize with the wisdom of God as revealed in His Word, it is of no more value than the ideas of the beggar.

That the mind of man, however gifted, is no authority on spiritual matters should be evident to any one acquainted with history. Greece was the land of culture. Her doctors, astronomers, sculptors, orators, and philosophers had won for that small and divided country an unequalled place in the civilized world. Even in defeat, Greece was victorious. Aspiring to the highest, Rome borrowed the culture of her defeated foe. The language of Greece was so well qualified to express Divine truth that God

chose to use it for His revelation to man. Yet when it came to religion, Greece's brilliance was to no avail. All of her intellectuals had failed to guide her from the blackness of polytheism, and on Mar's Hill in Athens, Paul found a monument to the futility of man's wisdom in his search for God.

In these twenty centuries of material progress man in some respects has surpassed the ancient Greeks. But in his search for the meaning of life apart from God he is still in darkness.

As our young people enter college we can be grateful that they are being prepared to enter the professions which for too long have had little or no Pentecostal witness. Certainly the professional world needs such a spirit-filled testimony. But at the same time, Christian youth must be prepared for "*the fiery darts*" of unbelief.

At times the spiritual ignorance of professors will speak for itself such as the history teacher who thought the beggar and the brother of Mary and Martha were the same Lazarus, and the philosophy teacher who claimed Moses borrowed his ideas from a Greek who lived nearly a thousand years later. But too often the insidious remarks of the professor comes from one well-versed in the Bible as well as natural philosophy.

Against such, as pastors and parents we must prepare our young people. We can in a large measure by indelibly engraving this simple truth on their minds: that in matters of religion, the Bible preached by Spirit-filled men, is the highest criterion. With this awareness our Christ's Ambassadors can enjoy the benefits of higher education and yet not allow the enemy of our souls admission into the sacred sanctuary of their faith. Though this faith may conflict with that of their professors, it is sound, for *it is the wisdom of God!*

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Increasing Church Attendance

By

FLOYD L. HAWKINS

In the matter of increasing church attendance, I do not pose as an infallible and final authority. I, too, am looking for ideas. But I am aware of certain guiding principles that I believe always are and will be sound and workable. It is by them that I shall be guided in what I am here to present.

There is a difference between an audience and a congregation. An aggregation of people called an audience is one thing; a congregation that has been persistently built up is something else. But I take for granted that all serious minded Christian workers are interested in something that is lasting and permanent. We are all concerned with building congregations, not mere audiences.

The subject at hand involves attendance upon all the functions of the church, not merely the mass meetings of Sunday morning and Sunday night. It is possible that attendance could be satisfactory in the mass meeting, but very poor in such departments as: Sunday School, Youth, or Women's Missionary Council. All of us are interested in building the entire church.

PUBLICITY

Publicity is absolutely necessary. It is Biblical to publish the glad tidings and we are charged to get the word out. Church activities must be publicized. Admittedly it is a big job and a constant challenge to keep the work before the public. But we cannot expect the people to come to us if they never have information about our work.

It is bad taste for the church of Jesus Christ to engage in a commercial type of advertising like a cut rate supermarket. Most commercial institutions operate competitively; our churches do not. While I am primarily concerned with my own church and my own program, I must keep in mind the fact that there are other churches in the community who conduct sound programs, who love God, who are preaching the Gospel and who have as much right in the community as I. The most of them are as necessary to the community's welfare as my

church. Our advertising must not be done competitively; there should be no implication that others are not preaching the Gospel.

If a church advertises that there will be prayer for the sick on a certain Sunday night, that surely is no grounds for another church to advertise that they pray for the sick *every* Sunday night. If a minister advertises that he preaches the simple Gospel, another may not rightly claim that he preaches an exclusive revelation that God gave to him alone.



Brother Floyd Hawkins is pastor of the Full Gospel Tabernacle of Fresno, California.

Fellow Christians, a certain sort of crowd may be attracted with that kind of stuff. But if this is the sort of crowd we want, they will leave us as readily as they came to us. They are only an audience; what we want is a congregation.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Publicity is one thing, but public relations is quite different. A criminal may receive all manner of publicity, but it is unlikely that he will enjoy desirable public relations! It is indeed a good thing for a minister to establish a good name and to sustain wholesome public relations in his respective field of service.

There are at least two types of min-

istry which achieve poor public relations. One of them is that type which is constantly offending the community by word or deed. The other type is that timid, do-nothing sort which always straddles the fence, never takes a stand and has no positive convictions about anything. Let preachers and churches stand for what is right, be tolerant and magnanimous, pay their bills, be square, shoot straight and be willing to give others the benefit of the doubt.

DISCARD OUTWORN CUSTOMS

In a day gone by it was the proper thing in certain localities to have church at 11:00 o'clock in the morning, Sunday school in mid-afternoon, and church in the evening. John Wesley used to have one of his most popular meetings at 5 o'clock in the morning and great crowds attended it. It is doubtful that such schedules would work in a modern American city. In this day every church should understand its own situation, needs and problems, for every locality is a little different from the other.

Let us not be afraid to venture and to do something new and different. Let us be willing to discard the customs that are outworn. What we propose may be the most unthought of thing in the world by the people around us, but most progress has been made when somebody dared to do the thing that nobody else would dare to do.

GOOD ORGANIZATION

Responsibility should be distributed; the people should know they are a part, and that the success of the work depends upon them. There must be routine, and everything in the function of the work should dovetail. All the cogs in the machine should fit together properly. There must be system and order such as God maintains in His vast universe, so that all is integrated into one grand whole and not into one grand mess!

Of course organization is only a means to an end. It cannot be relied upon to do the work of power and grace that a congregation needs and that God alone can do. Human organization is powerful but it cannot do the work of the Spirit.

Churches should be built in such a way that they will stand after the present preacher is gone. One of the greatest compliments that could be given a minister is that his work will thrive when he is not longer there. Such an ideal may not appeal to the vain glorious, but it is the right ideal for building a church. The church of Jesus Christ is still bigger and more important than any one personality.

no matter how unusual. Leaders have succumbed to the temptation of the flesh when they build around themselves.

CLEAR OBJECTIVES

People ought to understand clearly their objectives in church attendance. The church service certainly is not a circus where people are to be entertained. To be there is both a privilege and a duty. The Psalmist said, "I had rather be a door keeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness." Such should be our sentiment regardless of whom the preacher might be.

Judge M. G. Woodard, of the Supreme Court of San Joaquin County, California asked the question: "Why do I attend church regularly?" He answered: "Primarily I do it to worship and to seek spiritual inspiration and guidance in my daily life. I cannot be well rounded and entirely happy if I overlook or neglect permanent values. I also attend church in public attestation of my firm conviction that the institution is today of supreme importance. I believe in the lasting satisfactions that come from personal devotion to the mission of the church. I must translate my beliefs into . . . active co-operation. This necessitates, for me at least, regular church attendance."

WELL BALANCED CHURCH PROGRAM

Except for such enterprises as rescue missions, the two-fold mission of the church is the evangelizing of the lost and the edification of the saints. To do a thorough job attention must be given to youth work, women's work, men's work, missions, music, social life, worship and teaching. It is not possible to build something that is solid and lasting unless there is a well balanced program. The church loses its vitality and is not likely to grow if it fails to maintain such a program.

THE PUBLIC SERVICE

The public service must be spiritual, attractive and sensible. A young family man, whom I consider one of the most ideal Christians I know, recently moved away from our city to another part of the country. He had grown up in a very fine church and had a splendid background in Christian culture. In his search for a church home he went one Sunday night to an old, reputable, Pentecostal assembly. When he and his family entered scarcely anyone was there and the place looked gloomy and dark. Ten minutes after the announced time for service, the preacher, who had been mixing with the people about the building, walked to the platform and

said, "Well, I guess it's about time we started the service. Let everyone stand and praise the Lord." My friend was so shocked with the weakness of the whole situation that he reached over to his wife, asked her to get the children, and left the building at once.

Punctuality in the public service is tremendously important. The lives of the people who attend our services are governed by the clock these days. We can pay attention to the clock and still give room for the Spirit to work.

Slovenliness or pointlessness does not help the Spirit's operations. But, of course, what pertains to the public service where it is rude or discourteous to leave is not true of the after prayer service. There the prayer warriors may stay until daylight if they wish!



Little Things

Our GOD created little things,
To prove His greatness true;
And show to men upon the earth,
What little things can do.

Four living things upon the earth,
So very small in size,
According to the Holy Book
They are exceeding wise.

The conies are a feeble folk,
Not knowing right from wrong;
But in the hills among the rocks,
They build their houses strong.

The ants are very tiny things,
But yet they merit praise;
They gather food in summer time,
Provide for winter days.

The spider weaves a perfect web,
Although despised is she;
And often dwells in palaces,
Where Kings are want to be.

The locust goeth forth in bands
So mighty on the wing;
They move in perfect unison,
And yet they have no king.

Of kings and queens and potentates,
In Scripture I recall;
That JESUS said, a little child,
Was greater than them all.

LILLIE BUFFUM.

SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS

While it is true that the novel and the unusual have their place, yet this place must not be unduly emphasized. Certainly ex-outlaws, religious entertainers and the sensational have been used under certain circumstances for the upbuilding of the Kingdom. But it is my conviction that nothing in all the world can thrill people like the power of the Gospel of Christ and the ministry of the Holy Spirit. If the church wants to build for the future and for eternity, it is better to build on the foundation of God's holy Word, the ministry of the Holy Ghost, and the united ministry of the whole assembly.

THE PREACHER

It is an obvious fact that the preacher must have a ministry. No one is more important in the building of the attendance of the church than the minister. The whole program is built around his life, influence and work; but he must have a ministry and he must belong in the ministry. If this is not his field and he must constantly force himself where he does not belong, he cannot be effective. He should seek God and find his place, and in this find happiness and usefulness.

THE QUALITY OF OUR CHRISTIANITY

The people in our churches must set a good example and make the Christian life wholesome and attractive. People of other communions know very little about Pentecost and the baptism in the Holy Spirit, but they have an appreciation of good morals and right living. If our people indulge in sordid and loose living, the size of our congregations cannot increase. Our Christians must be steady, loyal and consistent. They must pay their bills, be industrious, live good lives and be devoted to Jesus Christ.

People will never cast in their lot with us unless we are respected. The antichristian world may not love us, but they should be compelled by the consistent quality of our Christianity to respect us.

CONCLUSION

Let us have in our services a spiritual temper and tone which really does something for the people and that comes from Almighty God and the ministry of the Holy Ghost. Let us refuse the temptation to get a crowd a single time, through some mere carnal means. No church wants a crowd at any cost. Every church wants to build, however, and blessed be God, every church can build; but the clean, pure way is the best way and, in fact, the only method that is permanent.

MISSIONS: Home and Foreign

Report of Missionary Giving in 1953:

TEN HIGHEST ASSEMBLIES IN TOTAL GIVING:

Turlock Bethel Temple	\$16,730.59
Sacramento Bethel Temple	13,178.29
Oakland First Assembly	6,024.34
San Francisco Glad Tidings	5,106.50
Modesto Bethel Church	4,026.77
Stockton Calvary Temple	3,346.43
Morgan Hill Full Gospel Church	3,343.12
Vallejo First Assembly	2,983.59
Redwood City Assembly	2,916.44
Berkeley Assembly of God	2,706.93

1953 TOTAL GIVING FOR ALL DISTRICT ASSEMBLIES \$174,438.00

1952 TOTAL GIVING FOR ALL DISTRICT ASSEMBLIES \$168,636.30

GAIN IN 1953 \$ 5,801.70

TEN HIGHEST ASSEMBLIES IN PER CAPITA GIVING:

Oakland Bethany Chapel	\$81.43
Turlock Bethel Temple	77.45
Elko, Nev. First A. of G.	62.90
Hoopo Assembly of God	62.11
Berkeley Assembly of God	54.13
Gustine Assembly of God	48.78
Sacramento Bethel Temple	43.92
Morgan Hill Full Gospel Church	42.86
Hayward Bethel Full Gospel	39.68
Livingston Assembly of God	39.30

year was \$174,438.00. This is a remarkable figure that should cause every missionary-minded Christian to rejoice! It is the opinion of your District Missionary Secretary that very few of our constituency, either ministers or laymen, actually are aware of the magnitude of our District missionary program. Did you know that we have quite a "missionary society" of our own, with 68 missionaries in 26 countries and an annual budget as I have already mentioned of 174,000. This is by no means a small operation.

Surprisingly though, there is a disappointing side to this annual report. Though hard to understand there is the bleak fact that 22 assemblies gave absolutely nothing to Foreign Missions last year. Eighty-nine assemblies gave less than \$100.00 during the past year.

Special tribute should be paid the 32 churches that gave over \$1000.00 each and, contrary to what one might expect, they are not all strong, large groups.

A careful examination of the figures shows that many assemblies are far below their potential in missionary action. Perhaps this is the time for us to re-appraise and re-evaluate the need for continued missionary emphasis in our fellowship. This is the fortieth year of our movement's existence. It is interesting to note that one of the motivating factors that brought the Assemblies of God into existence forty years ago was the missionary burden that the brethren of that day carried in their hearts. They desired to see an effectual program of world-wide witness in operation across our nation. What they planned so wisely back in 1914 is now one of the strongest and most effectual missionary movements in the world. And this District is a sizeable part of that movement.

The need is no less staggering or urgent than it was forty years ago. In fact, with time slowly running out on us we are faced with an increasingly greater challenge. "Pentecostal" and "Missionary" are synonymous terms.

It should seem very clear to us all that with very little extra effort, we could go over the two hundred thousand dollar mark in 1954. In fact, if EVERY church in our District gave a regular monthly offering for foreign missions, we'll more than make it! Will you join me in a double-barrelled missionary campaign for this year? EVERY ASSEMBLY a MONTHLY CONTRIBUTOR AND TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS IN 1954!

-KENNETH M. HAYSTEAD.

The Missionary Secretary Comments:

As a general rule, lengthy reports with column upon column of statistics can be very dull and uninteresting. However, just this week the final and complete report of total missionary giving of the entire district reached my office from our Foreign Missions Department in Springfield. This report should capture the interest and attention of every Pastor, official and church member of each assembly in our District. It is quite comprehensive and includes all missionary contributions sent by your local church through our National Headquarters as well as all contributions made to Speed the Light, National Home Missions, Women's Missionary Council, Radio, Servicemen's and Benevolence.

Unfortunately, for purposes of publication, it is impossible to present in entirety this lengthy document. Here, by way of analysis, are a few very interesting items.

The first is rather embarrassing — for, based on the figures submitted to us by Springfield prior to our District Council at Sacramento, Pastor Robert Carrington on behalf of the Turlock Assembly was presented with both award plaques. At that time Turlock was credited with both first place in total giving and first place in per capita giving.

The corrected figures now released show a slightly different picture. Turlock, with a total of \$16,730.59 is still very definitely the leading church in the Northern California-Nevada giving. A grand accomplishment! However, the new report shows that first place in per capita giving rightfully

belongs to *Bethany Chapel* in Oakland. Belated congratulations to you Bethany Chapel!

Our per capita winner is shepherded by the Hitchcock sisters and it is a self-sacrificing and wholly missionary-conscious little group. Surely it deserves our recognition and appreciation. Though few in number, the people of Bethany gave a total of \$1,302.89, which in itself is remarkable. Their per capita giving amounted to \$81.34 per member.

May God richly bless these two fine churches, one large, one small; but both strong in missionary fervor and spirit. And both are led by pastors with a comprehensive, world wide vision.

Another look at the figures shows that our combined total giving for last



From the Ralph Cobbs of Nigeria, West Africa, comes this picture of the first student body of their new Bible school. This semester the school has been able to accommodate only 27 students, but the missionaries hope that soon facilities may be expanded. Many more wished to enter, but had to be turned away.

A Message from the Kaufmans



Riley and Flossie Kaufman with their daughters Kay (standing) and Rilene.

We are delighted with this opportunity of thanking our Women's Missionary Council groups throughout the District. Ladies, your response to the shower that was given us at the District Convention provided a great many of the items of clothing our family will require during four years in the Philippines! We were in need of about everything from the skin out and the hat down in preparation for life in the tropics. There were quantities of fine, washable clothing, many articles made by the competent hands of the ladies themselves; tins of food for days when 7,000 miles from home and super markets, we must face shopping problems intensified by this great distance and ever present inflation; and other articles which attest to the vision and thoughtfulness of our WMC groups! From our hearts we are thankful for every precious item and for the leadership and devotion to the missionary cause from the District leader right through to every devoted member of every co-operating group that is reflected in these gifts of love.

And now since the Convention, as we are travelling through the District, groups have added to the shower with boxes of things that weren't quite ready before, or that were saved to be presented as we visited their own church. Recently, at a special luncheon rally in the Peninsula Section, Sister Steelberg's groups brought together a large assortment of breathtaking items, presenting them after calling us as special guests!

We are humbled under the responsibility of being appointed representatives of the Assemblies of God to the Far East Broadcasting Company, and the opportunity to help bring the knowledge of Christ to the millions in the Orient, who have not yet heard of His love. Facing the mountains of need that must be moved before we

may sail, we are doubly conscious of the value of each item and every dollar, and of the sense in which they make us YOUR missionary representatives.

Would you care to unite with us in our most important prayer request? Each member of our family has received medical clearance, our passport has been granted, and word has just been received as we write that our visa has been cleared in Manila. We feel confident that the balance needed for our fare will be provided, yet we will not be permitted to sail until all of our support has been pledged. A little more than twenty-five per cent (25%) of this need has been met so far; thus you see why we are asking that you pray earnestly with us.

We wish also especially to thank the pastors who have invited us to their pulpits. We knew we were in

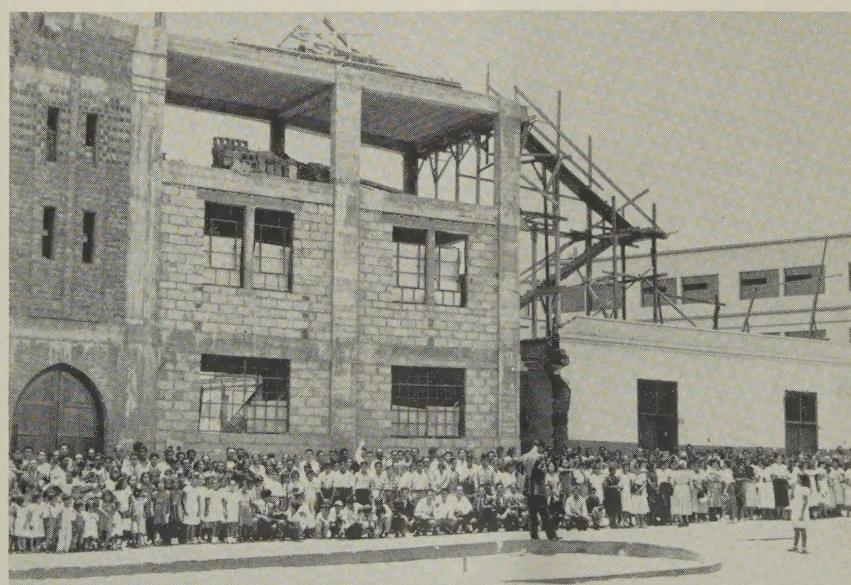
a splendid District among a lot of wonderful people, but our visits to the many churches have thoroughly confirmed this knowledge. If we have not yet visited your church and you would like us to, let us know through a note sent in care of the District Office and we will try our best to arrange to work in a date before our departure.

From RUTH COUCHMAN of Lima, Peru, comes word:

- ◆ In a special Spiritual Retreat recently 80 Peruvians received the baptism in the Spirit in a single day!
- ◆ There are 60 students enrolled in the Bible School.
- ◆ WMC provisions, particularly of baby layettes, are proving of great blessing in the missionary work in Lima.

The ARTHUR LINDVALLS of El Salvador write:

- ◆ The Santa Ana, El Salvador Christians are rejoicing because they at last have been able to obtain a lot in the downtown area. They hope soon to build a church.
- ◆ The Bible School is limited to an enrollment of 50 because of lack of dormitory space. The missionaries are appealing for offerings to enlarge their quarters. Only \$25.00 provides space for an additional student.
- ◆ The total Assemblies of God membership in El Salvador is 4,535.
- ◆ In the past year there has been a 19% increase in El Salvador churches, and a 42% increase in outstations.



LIMA EVANGELISTIC CENTER in Lima, Peru, in process of construction. This is a project of District missionaries, Herbert and Olga Felton. The building is eventually to seat 2,000 people. The Feltons request prayer that all legal complications hindering the completion of the building may be resolved and that financial needs may continue to be supplied.

CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS

Molly Young's Testimony

In a little town on the island of Oahu, from which I come, an Assembly of God church was started three years ago. The church grew by God's grace and many young people knelt by its altar and gave their hearts and lives to Christ. At the same altar they sought the face of the Lord and He poured of His blessed Holy Spirit upon them.

The Lord has used and is using these young people as Sunday School teachers and as testimonies for Him wherever they go. A great deal of their time is spent in the work of the King. Recently I received a letter from the C. A. leader there, stating that a couple of C. A.'s are starting Bible clubs in their homes; visitation work is being done at the hospital, and street meetings will also be started soon. Judged from some standards the group isn't large, of course, but it does consist of those who are faithful and willing to serve the Lord knowing that in Him, their labor is not in vain.

"For to me to live is Christ . . ." is the testimony of these young people, many of whom are from homes where the image of Buddha dwells in a little shrine fixed somewhere on the wall. Their parents are unsaved and do not know the things of Christ. Time after time in these homes, questions arise such as: "Should I fix the offerings at the shrine when my mother asks me?" or "Should I go to a Buddhist funeral to pay respect to my relative?" In spite of these situations, the Lord sustains those who put their trust in Him.

It was this unfailing Friend that undertook in *my* life when I, as a young person whose parents do not know Christ, did not know what to do. He marvelously led me and brought me to California to Bible School.

All of my senior year in high school I endeavored to walk close to the Lord so that I might know His plan

DEAR READER:

Please remove me and place me on the C. A. bulletin board.

Thank You!



Molly Young. Molly is a freshman student at Glad Tidings Bible Institute. She comes to us from Hawaii and is studying at Glad Tidings under the sponsorship of the C. A.'s of Bethel Temple of Sacramento.

for my life. The months flew by and soon it was graduation night and I still did not know what I was supposed to do. I did not feel I was ready to face the world. I wanted to continue school although I knew it was almost impossible if the Lord didn't undertake soon!

That summer I worked in the pineapple cannery until the end of July.

C. A. Youth Camp began in August and I decided to go. The Lord met us in a precious way every night as Brother Henson brought the evening messages. The last night we had a faggot service and I never before felt the power of God so real. As I prayed to God, surrendering my life, and asking that His will be done, a peace came over my soul. The next morning Brother and Sister Henson asked me if I wanted to come to Bible School. I knew then that my prayer had been answered.

It is one great joy to be in Glad Tidings Bible Institute; and to know that He sent me here and that I am preparing to serve the King of Kings!

A Thousand More for '54 —

A thousand more for '54

This number must seem small

To Him whose hands this planet formed

And unto life didst call.

A thousand souls from all the throng
That pass each busy street
And many of those thousand souls
My friend, you daily meet.

This army does not draft recruits
Each one must volunteer
And we must be the ones who lead
A thousand in this year.

How many can you help to snatch
From this life's wanng day
To point them to the brilliant dawn
That crowns the heavenly way.

How many hours upon your knees
Pledge you, for fifty four
That you may help us gain at last
That thousand souls, or more.

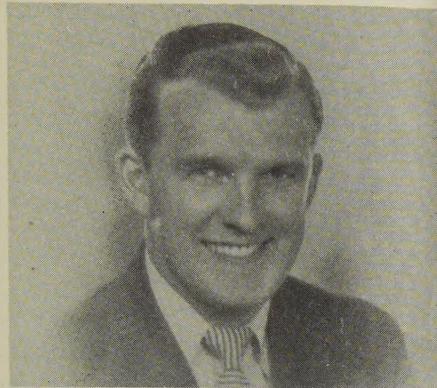
By Starr Bassford.



Brother Jerrell Snyder, Sectional Chairman of the Redwood Section, encourages the young people to enter into worship. Brother Snyder is pastor of a thriving church in Thorne.

PAMPHLET POWER

By JACK McALISTER



Reverend Jack McAlister is the Director of an interdenominational organization known as the World Literature Crusade.

Six thousand converts baptized in water in one service! Did this happen in the U. S. A.? Yes, last year, the summer of 1953! What is the secret of the amazing success of this Jehovah Witness Organization? They have no famous preachers (such as the Evangelicals have — Billy Graham, C. M. Ward, or Oral Roberts). They have no large or beautiful churches. BUT THEY HAVE DISCOVERED THE POWER OF THE PRINTED PAGE. Last year they printed over 8 million pounds of their literature on the largest privately operated printing press in the world — Brooklyn, New York. C. A.'s think of it: 4,000 tons of literature!

But thank the Lord, the Assemblies of God Youth Dept. now has a literature program. How wonderful! For years C. A.'s have believed the Acts 2:4 experience; now they are using it in their Acts 1:8 experience. We have had the message in the past, but we haven't reached the masses. We have the message NOW and we're going to reach the masses NOW.

One of the key secrets of the amazing spread of Communism has been their constant use of the pocket pamphlet. In 1916, Leon Trotsky wrote, "The most powerful means of propagating Communism is the small pocket pamphlet."

The Roman Catholic Church has a nation-wide literature program in full swing. Bishop Hedley recently said, "Priests and laity cannot do more for souls than to encourage the distribution of good Catholic literature by every means in their power." Headlines in a Roman Catholic publication in my possession read "NEVER UNDERESTIMATE THE POWER OF A PAMPHLET."

An item appeared in a recent Pentecostal Evangel "Roman Catholics in North Carolina make Bid for the Entire State." Here is part of this news item. "Roman Catholics recently conducted a well-organized campaign to reach all the people of North

Carolina with their propaganda. Their lay members went from door to door, handing out Catholic literature and inviting people to look into the Catholic faith."

May the Assemblies of God, through the channel of the one-8 program, truly capitalize upon the power of the pamphlet and the tract. If believers in cults can do it for uncertain motives, how much more can we when energized by the power of God!

HI THERE!



It's fun to get acquainted with young people from various churches in our District. I have travelled with my father enough to meet many other C. A.'s. When I was asked if I thought other C. A.'s would enjoy a Get Acquainted Column, my answer was "Yes." I hope many young people will send in their picture with a few introductory remarks and a testimony.

I am 13 years old and have brown hair and eyes. I weigh 110 pounds and am 5 feet 3 inches tall.

I was saved when I was 5 years old at 6th and G, in Modesto. I received the baptism in the Holy Spirit while my father was dean of boys in a Christian orphanage in Texas. My favorite hobby is photography. My most dreaded subject in school is arithmetic!

I plan to attend Glad Tidings Bible Institute, and would like to be a missionary.

Patricia Lockwood.

hey gang —

BE EARLY BIRDS!

Plan NOW to attend Youth Camp

Rush \$1.00 deposit and application.

Name Sex Age

Address

City

Home Church

Married? Single?

I am willing to abide by Camp rules.

Signed

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

BROTHER SUTER REPORTS:

WE WON!

115 Northern California and Nevada delegates traveled over 252,000 miles to attend the 11th National Sunday School Convention in St. Louis, Missouri. Having the largest number of total miles traveled of any district delegation, we were able to bring the attendance banner back to Northern California and Nevada for the first time since 1948 Bethel Temple in Sacramento won the church trophy for the largest church delegation, with 32 delegates. The First Assembly of God in Vallejo was in second place for church delegations with 16 delegates.

Approximately 11,000 people attended the convention, with well over 9,000 delegates registered. This was an all time record for attendance at a Sunday School Convention, making the Assemblies of God Sunday School Convention the world's largest.

It was one of the best conventions we have ever had. Everyone enjoyed the messages, workshops, etc. A spirit of revival was felt in each session, with folk saying they were going home and put into operation the things they had learned.

Our Southwest Regional Sunday School Convention for 1955 will be held in Long Beach, California, February 8, 9, 10. May I urge you to start making plans now to attend that convention.



Brother Suter smiles happily as he installs the Attendance Award banner on the wall of his office.

Have you
prayed today
for America's
Children?



The Contra Costa Banner.

Pastor S. A. Merrill (left) of Rodeo, is being presented with the Contra Costa Sectional Sunday School banner by William Vickery, Sectional Sunday School Representative. The presentation took place in the monthly fellowship meeting of the Contra Costa Section which was held in the Concord Assembly. The banner is awarded each month to the Sunday School that earns the most points in the contest which is based on the National Sunday School Standard. The Rodeo Sunday School earned a total of 216 points to win the banner.

WATCH THIS COLUMN

Average attendance for the month of March:

1. Redwood City	417
2. Richmond, Central Assembly	294
3. Roseville	245
4. Riverbank	237
5. Chowchilla, Assembly	223
6. Merced	215
7. McKinleyville	184
8. No. Sacramento, Ch of Red.	160
9. Willits	136
10. Palo Alto, Gos. Lighthouse	114
11. Walnut Creek	112
12. Biggs	105
13. Fort Bragg	92
14. Colusa	81
15. Santa Cruz, Bethany Pk.	61

The school with the highest percentage of increase for the month of March over the average attendance for February for each section.

	March	Increase
Sacramento Valley Section		
Biggs	105	31.25%
South San Joaquin Section		
Merced	215	22.16%
Capitol Section		
Colusa	81	19.99%
East Bay Section		
Richmond, Central	294	13.55%
Coast Counties Section		
Santa Cruz, Bethany Pk.	61	13.15%
Lake-Mendocino Section		
Fort Bragg	92	29.57%
Contra Costa Section		
Walnut Creek	112	8.74%
Peninsula Section		
Redwood City	417	6.79%
All other sections: No report.		

NOTE: Send your average attendance for the preceeding month and the month just finished to the Sunday School Department immediately following the last Sunday of each month so we can print it in this column.

Is Your Sunday School Tithing?

Lovelock, Nevada
March 2, 1954

L. W. Suter
Santa Cruz, Calif.

Dear Brother in Christ:

Enclosed are the Sunday School tithes for February. I determined in my mind today to send the tithes to you and before I got home from work, a lady brought by \$1.30 for Sunday School next Sunday. Praise God!

Pray that God will prosper the church with souls. We covet your prayers. We had an average of 31 last month in Sunday School.

May the Lord richly bless you in your work for Him.

With Christian love,
Charles W. Shaw.

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Brother Haystead says:

"Thanks Everyone for Your Prayers"



Brother Haystead (center) is welcomed back to the District office by a warm handshake from Brother Gaston and an affectionate pat on the back from Brother Gerhart.

There is apparently more truth in some old sayings or proverbs than we realize. "Absence makes the heart grow fonder" is quoted so often and so glibly that it seems almost trite. However, it has proven to be a truthful adage to me during these past eleven weeks that I have been shut off from contact with my brethren and the great work of our District Fellowship.

It was a joyful experience indeed to walk back into the District Office on the first day of April and begin to pick up, though in a very limited way, the responsibilities that I had so suddenly dropped last January 14th. There was a real shout of praise and victory in my heart for the faithfulness of God, and the life-giving, healing power in His Name!

I wish to take this opportunity to sincerely and humbly express my gratitude to all of you in our constituency. For your many prayers I am more than grateful, for without them I know I would not be writing this little note of appreciation. For the many, many cards and letters of encouragement, I can only say, "Thank you" and "God bless you" right from my heart!

To Brother Gaston, Brother Gerhart, and our faithful office staff: a

word of appreciation for many kindnesses and for their extra effort at their own personal inconvenience in absorbing my responsibilities with their own. I wish, too, to thank Pastors Donald F. Lehmann and T. Kermit Jeffrey for their invaluable assistance during District Council.

I would appreciate continued interest in your prayers until my recovery is complete.

Gratefully in Him,
Kenneth M. Haystead.

Fellowship Meetings

MAY:

- 3 — Fort Seward, Janesville, Empire
- 10 — Lafayette, Covelo
- 17 — San Rafael
- 18 — Weed
- 21 — Hollister, Oroville
- 24 — Delhi, Central Valley

It is planned that in a forthcoming edition of *Glad Tidings* a condensed financial report will be published. The report will be similar to the missionary report in this issue and will be concerned with gifts from churches to the District office.

Recent changes in the DISTRICT MINISTERIAL LIST

TRANSFERRED IN:

- Brown, James P. — Lic.
- Combs, Garland — Lic.
- Cunningham, Lynn — C. W.
- DeJulio, J. R. — Ord.
- DeJulio, Evangeline
(Mrs. A. R.) — Ord.
- Glaze, Emmit T. — Ord.
- Griffin, Russel E. — Ord.
- Hardman, Virgil Lee — C. W.
- Huekaby, Lillie A. — C. W.
- Ladd, Sally M. — Lic.
- Langley, H. T. — Ord.
- Lawson, Arnold L. — Lic.
- Lawson, Carrie V.
(Mrs. A. L.) — C. W.
- Lindvall, Phillip — Ord.
- McKay, Doyle — Ord.
- Mott, Nolan — Ord.
- Murray, C. Franklyn — Ord.
- Murray, Lois E. (Mrs. C. F.) — Ord.
- Rahner, Andrew R. — Ord.
- Rahner, Lillian (Mrs. A. R.) — Ord.
- Sutton, Clifford C. — Lic.
- Swanson, May V. — Ord.
- Thomas, Robert B. — Ord.
- Thompson, Elizabeth — Lic.

TRANSFERRED OUT:

- Barnard, H. E. — Ord.
To Texas
- Bilton, Elmer G. — Ord.
To Wisconsin — N. Michigan
- Boyett, Otto — Ord.
To S. Missouri
- Cavalini, Robert
To Eastern Pennsylvania
- Collins, Prentis H.
To S. Texas
- George, Roy F. — Ord.
To New Mexico
- George, Jimalee (Mrs. R. F.) — Lic.
To New Mexico
- Hunt, E. J. — Lic.
To South Dakota
- Hunt, Earl T. — Ord.
To Oregon
- Hunt, Elsie (Mrs. E. T.) — Lic.
To Oregon
- Huson, Edward V. — Ord.
To Northwest
- Jorgenson, John A. — Ord.
To Northwest
- Laroya, Elpidio F. — Lic.
To So. California
- Millar, Carl F. — C. W.
To New Mexico
- Reed, Lee Franklin — Ord.
To Arkansas
- Rudd, Willie P.
To So. California
- Shepard, G. L. — Ord.
To So. Missouri
- Westfall, Leona
To Oklahoma
- Whitcomb, Wilbur W. — Ord.
To West Central

HERE AND THERE

ARCATA — Pastor Charles Kerner reports two recent revivals. One with the Parishes of Colorado resulted in several being saved and some receiving the baptism in the Spirit. The other with Evangelist and Mrs. P. E. Robertson resulted in nine seeking salvation. The Assembly is in a building program adding an educational annex.

AUBURN — Pastor G. C. Sturgeon reports that, "Three weeks prior to District Council, we had a wonderful visitation from Heaven in our assembly. There were several persons who made their eternal peace with God, twelve received the Spirit baptism, a large number received glorious refillings, and twenty-six testified to receiving healing for their bodies." Pastor Sturgeon says that the faith of the entire congregation was lifted by the consecrated preaching, and teaching of Evangelists Ross and Iverna Lamb. In the latter part of April, the Assembly sponsored a Sunday School worker's training course conducted by L. W. Suter.

BIGGS — Reverend Ray Oliver recently assumed the pastorate of this work.

BOYES SPRINGS — Recent special activities include an Easter Sunrise service. Howard G. Davis is the pastor.

BRENTWOOD — Brother James C. Foster has just started a new work here. Services are being held in the Veteran's Hall.

CLOVERDALE — Pastor J. L. Jeffrey is enjoying his new pastorate here and looking to God to provide for the completion of the building. Brother Jeffrey's address is now 315 Main Street, Cloverdale.

COLUSA — This town was host to the February C. A. Rally at which Brother Ray

Lockwood spoke. R. A. Wilson, Jr., is pastor of the Colusa Assembly.

DALY CITY — Pastor and Mrs. W. P. Rutledge announce a weekly radio program. It is over San Francisco's KSAN, Saturday mornings at 8:00.

EUREKA — The Assembly reports the Lord's blessing under the ministry of the Parishes of Colorado. In addition to their spiritual ministry which resulted in souls saved, baptisms, and healings, the Parishes prepared two lovely oil paintings which they donated for the new church. Christians everywhere are invited to participate in Eureka Assembly's Bond Sales Drive. The bonds are to finance the new building and are available in denominations from \$50.00 to \$500.00. Investors receive five per cent interest. Inquiries are invited. The pastor is R. L. Neal, 1605 P. Street, Eureka, California.

GUSTINE — Presbyter J. C. Snyder reports: "The fellowship meeting for the South San Joaquin Section was held March 22nd, in the Gustine Assembly of God church. The new pastor of Livingston, Brother Skore, brought the afternoon message and Brother Kessel of Glad Tidings was the evening speaker. A group of students from the school furnished musical numbers at both services. A lovely fellowship dinner was served by the local church in the evening." J. W. Erxleben is pastor.

FORT BRAGG — Pastor F. T. Alford writes: "We just concluded a ten day youth revival with Evangelist Eunice Lindvall. There was good interest and attendance every night. Some were saved and new people were added to the congregation."

HEALDSBURG — Pastor George Effman and his people were host to the March North Bay Sectional Fellowship Meeting. Missionary appointee Riley Kaufman spoke in the afternoon, and Pastor Orville Painter of Napa brought the evening message. L. R. Anderson is the presbyter.

LAKEPORT — Pastor S. S. Webster writes: "We have just closed a very profitable three weeks of revival meetings with Brother and Sister R. J. Thurmond. Their presence and prayers and words of inspiration cheered the hearts of everyone. Souls were inspired and refilled, and the whole assembly received a great spiritual uplift.

LEWISTON — William W. Wedgeworth has resigned this pioneer work after two and one-half years of ministry. He expects to continue his pioneering efforts elsewhere.

LIVE OAK — Though the assembly has been in a building program since the new year, some 25 have been saved and an equal number have received the baptism. The Sunday School averages around 200.

MODESTO (6th and G) — A recent revival conducted by the R. J. Thurmonds proved to be one of the best in the history of the church. Night after night the people were moved to intercessory prayer and some 25 received the infilling of the Holy Spirit. Many of the prayer services continued until midnight or later. Comments Pastor Rayford Aderholt, "Our church has been greatly blessed and helped by this meeting, for which we certainly give God praise and thanks."

MORGAN HILL — Pastor Arthur Gunter writes: "We had a good revival service with Ross and Iverna Lamb. There were several saved and healed and about seventeen filled with the Spirit. The church as a whole received a wonderful spiritual uplift."

NORTH SACRAMENTO — A revival meeting with Evangelist Dektor of Los Angeles resulted in numbers being saved and several receiving the baptism in the Spirit. Many notable healings took place. The pastor is Joseph H. Williams.

OAKLAND (CALVARY TEMPLE) — A recent training course proved profitable to the Assembly. Pastor Foth and Brother Finch were the teachers.

ORLAND — Pastor John McPherson has resigned and has been succeeded by Brother Bob Robertson of Richmond.

PITTSBURG — The Assembly's radio broadcast is each Sunday afternoon at 12:30 over KECC (990 KC). H. T. Langley is pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO (SUNSET) — The Bernhard Johnsons, Sr., missionaries to Brazil, ministered in a recent Sunday evening service. Paul V. Belchar is the pastor.

SAN JOSE (CALVARY TEMPLE) — Brother Phil. Lindvall is conducting home Bible clubs under the sponsorship of this



Sunday school group of Elim Assembly of Kerman.

Sisters Julia M. Peterson and Ruth M. Bertenshaw recently sent us this snap of their Sunday School at Kerman on the day when the attendance reached 55. When the picture was taken the work was only ten months old. This work has been a Home Missions project inasmuch as help was given for the securing of the lots and the building. Since this picture was taken, Sisters Peterson and Bertenshaw have resigned and the John Franklins have succeeded them.

Assembly. There is now one club for each day of the week and about 100 children are being reached. T. Kermit Jeffrey is the pastor.

SANTA CRUZ (FIRST ASSEMBLY) — Evangelist and Mrs. Jerry Fry conducted a Youth Evangelistic Crusade during April. Raymond P. Murray is pastor.

SMITH RIVER — This pioneer work recently was host to its first fellowship meeting. The afternoon speaker was Sister Pool of Fort Seward; while in the evening J. W. Belchar spoke. The evening service included a dedication of the new building which was conducted by R. L. Neal. The attendance for these services was excellent.

The pastors at Smith River are Brother and Sister Loucks. The work was begun last year and already there is a building 20x40 feet and a lot almost debt free. There have been about 30 saved, 5 or 6 baptized in the Holy Spirit, and 6 baptized in water. (Reported by John F. Green.)

SOQUEL — Brother Manuel Walker of Parlier recently concluded a very successful meeting. E. Mehringer Richardson is pastor.

STOCKTON — In a recent visit to the District Office, Pastor L. H. Rogers reported a splendid revival conducted first by Martin Luther Davidson and later by Hildreth Ethridge. Though Brother Davidson left after two weeks to assume his duties as pastor in Fort Worth, Texas, the revival went right on under Sister Ethridge's ministry. The Sunday School reached a peak attendance of 580 during the course of the revival.

TUOLUMNE — Pastor Leslie Lewis writes: "We recently had a good revival with Brother and Sister Silas Jones. Three were saved, one filled with the Holy Spirit and two definite miracles for which we give thanks to our Saviour. The whole church was blessed through the ministry of music and preaching of the Jones'."

VACAVILLE — Brother William L. Shelley has accepted the call to pastor this Assembly and he has been ministering there since mid March. Pastor Shelly was formerly of Westwood.

WEAVERVILLE — The new pastor is Reverend Harold Kahl.

NEW ARRIVAL

The David Colberts of Yuba City are the happy parents of a new son, David Reginald, who was born Saturday, March 13. Little David weighed 8 lbs. 13 oz. Brother Colbert is pastor of Calvary Tabernacle in Yuba City.

NEW ADDRESS

The Bernhard Johnsons, Sr., may now be reached at:

554 San Diego Ave.
Daly City, California
Phone: Plaza 5-5429.

Personal Mention

A note from EVANGELIST and MRS. C. J. BROWN reports that they were concluding their seventh meeting in the Southern District, but that in April they were expecting to be back in this District in meetings with Pastor Robinson of Salida. The Browns were formerly pastors of our Waterford Assembly.

THE EVANGELAIRES recently held special services with Pastor L. R. Keyes of La Crescenta.

Our sincere sympathy and prayers are extended to PASTOR and MRS. LESLIE LEWIS of Tuolumne, who on March 22 suffered the loss of their new born baby. The infant lived only four days from the time of his birth. Sister Lewis was gravely ill but the Lord raised her up.

G. T. B. I. ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

At the alumni banquet held at Sacramento during the District Convention the following alumni officers were elected: Ray Oliver, President; Lloyd Persing, Vice-President; Elwood Knutson, Secretary-Treasurer. To each appointee we extend sincere congratulations.

It is the hope of the officers that they may guide the alumni to make them an increasing blessing to Glad Tidings Bible Institute. An effort is to be made shortly to revise the alumni mailing list so that, before long, members may look for a communication from their new officers. Suggestions and comments to these leaders are always in order.



Pictured above are Evangelist and Mrs. Carl W. Oney of Live Oak, California. In recent months we have had several splendid reports of the Oneys' ministry in our District. They have had recent meetings at Kerman, Madera, and Carmichael and in each there was reported the reviving presence of the Lord. The mailing address of the Oneys is P. O. Box 492, Live Oak, California.

FOR SALE

Cottage at Bethany Park, 2 bedrooms. Price \$4250, with \$1050 down and \$50 per month. Contact Mr. Phil Lyon, 215 Bethany Park Loop, Rt. 1 Santa Cruz.

House at Bethany Park. Three rooms, fireplace and garage. Built by Lee Constant. Contact M. J. Bell, P. O. Box 961, Santa Cruz.

Glad Tidings Bible Institute GRADUATION EXERCISES BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

May 28, 1954, 7:30 P. M.

Tabernacle Prayer Room, Bethany Park.

GRADUATION SERVICE

May 29, 1954, 2:30 P. M.

Redwood Bowl, Bethany Park.

(In case of unfavorable weather the service will be moved indoors)

Special speaker
and guest

RALPH M. RIGGS

General Superintendent
Assemblies of God

PLAN NOW TO BE PRESENT FOR BOTH OF THESE FINE SERVICES

CURRENT SIGNS

SPIRITUAL TIDE RISING

Many people have said it, but it remained for President Eisenhower's pastor to express it best: "There is evidence of spiritual awakening in our land." Dr. Edward R. Elson of the National Presbyterian Church, speaking in Dallas, gave ten evidences:

1. Reappearance of mass evangelism under "such brilliant leadership as Charles Templeton and Billy Graham."

2. The "spontaneous rise of laymen's movements."

3. A "new earnestness and seriousness on the part of college students. Little bands cluster together disciplined in their dedication to God."

4. A "better quality of clergymen today — the most promising in generations."

5. The "phenomenal sale of the Holy Scriptures."

6. Religious books remain the best sellers, year after year.

7. An increase in the number of radio and television programs accentuating religion.

8. An increase in church membership.

9. A great increase in Church buildings.

10. "Last . . . and most significant . . . the dedication of our national leaders to Jesus Christ and to the way of faith and prayer."

Fate of Communists

The *Sunday Times* of London passes along the figures from the book, *What Happens to Communists*:

Nine of 11 Russian Cabinet ministers who held office in 1936 have been shot. Five out of seven presidents of the last Central Executive Committee, likewise, Forty-three of the 53 secretaries of the Communist Party Central Organization have been executed. Fifteen of 27 top Communists who drafted the 1936 constitution met the firing squad. Seventy out of 80 members of the Soviet War Council: executed. Since 1917, three out of every five marshals of the Soviet Army have been shot as spies or traitors. All members of Lenin's first Politburo, excepting only Joseph Stalin, were executed.

Nitrogen Bomb

Kyodo News Agency quoted a Japanese scientist as saying Russia was reported producing a "nitrogen" bomb so dangerous that 30 of them set off at once would annihilate the entire human race.

Narcotics Increase

Walter R. Creighton, chief of the State bureau of narcotics enforcement has reported to the governor that preliminary statistics for 1953 indicate a 16 per cent increase in juvenile narcotics arrests.

Depression Hits Communist Empire

The U. S. News reports that a great depression has the Communist Empire in its grips. People by the million are going hungry. Even the bare necessities of life are lacking, except for a favored few. Agriculture all through the Russian Empire is in deep trouble. There is a severe famine in China. People throughout the communist empire are ill nourished, ill clad, ill housed.

Dates to remember:

BETHANY PARK CAMP

July 1 - 18

BOYS AND GIRLS CAMP

July 19 - 23

JUNIOR HIGH CAMP

July 26 - 30

C. A. CAMP

August 2 - 7

REDWOOD SECTION

C. A. CAMP

July 19 - 24

Catholics Join Protestants

Dr. Daniel A. Poling, editor of the Christian Herald states in his summary of a report by author Will Ourster, that some 4,000,000 Roman Catholics have become protestants against 1,071,897 people that have been converted to Catholicism during the last ten years.

Millions Lost to Communism

Vice President Nixon stated in a recent speech that 600,000,000 people have been lost to communism and not a single Russian soldier had been lost in combat. The new administration has determined to stop this inroad by Russia on the peoples of the free world.

Life Worth Living

In 1952 there were 16,999 recorded suicides in the United States! Nearly 17,000 people came to the conclusion that life wasn't worth living.

If someone had pointed these individuals to Christ they would have found a new life for time and for eternity.

Meet Our Presbyters

This month we present . . .



CHARLES L. ELMES

The presbyter of our Nevada Section is our Brother Charles L. Elmes who at present pastors in Reno, Nevada. He has served as presbyter in Nevada for some two years now, but for three years prior to that he was a presbyter in the Sacramento Section. Thus, he is no stranger to the office of administrator and he is proving consistently to be a blessing in this ministry.

Brother Elmes has ministered in this District for eight years. For the first five and one-half years of this period he was pastor of the Assembly of God church at Gridley, California. His Glad Tidings Assembly in Reno is a thriving work and has been blessed of God in a place where the gospel is sorely needed.

Prior to entering the Northern California-Nevada District, Brother Elmes was a worker in Arizona. There he held a number of offices including C. A. Director, Presbyter, and District Secretary. He was a charter member of the Arizona District of the Assemblies of God and saw the work in that State grow from eight churches to more than thirty. He held at least three pastorates in the state of Arizona.

Sister Elmes stands competently with her husband in the ministry of the Word. Prior to their marriage, she practiced the nursing profession and is today a registered nurse. The Elmes are the parents of three fine growing sons.

Our Brother Elmes is a real asset to our District and we esteem him greatly. He has been regularly in demand for posts of leadership and has demonstrated his competence in each office that he has held. We admire a man of talent and we appreciate a man of Christian dedication; in Brother Elmes we believe that these two elements are beautifully blended.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL

by

MEDORA ROGERS

**I am a debtor
I am ready
I am not ashamed**

Paul says "I am a debtor both to the Greeks (the intellectual) and to the Barbarians (the illiterate) both to the wise, and to the unwise." What Paul says applies to all Christians as a principle describing our position in Christ. Paul's statement makes clear to us that we must see ourselves both as servants and stewards of the riches of God.

It is our debt we owe to God and man, our obligation as members of the same body of the household of faith, to share with others our Christian blessings. Selfish Christians are not real Christians, for the principle of sharing is a vital part of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

I am ready — or I am willing — I am prepared if the opportunity presents itself. God is able to prepare us for any emergency "as well as to prepare us unto every good work."

I am not ashamed of the gospel, nor a shame to it. "for hope maketh not ashamed because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us." No doubt Paul was ashamed of his past life for its failures, hurt and heartaches but now he is proud of the gospel counting it a privilege for it is the power of God, it is everything — grace — salvation — pardon — provision and faith, etc.

The beautiful narrative recorded in Mark 14:3-9 is an exemplification of this truth. MARY, a captive set free, was a debtor, who was ready and not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it is the power and deliverance from sin. She was wholly abandoned unto Christ and wished to express liberally her love and gratitude upon him in the face of murmuring disciples who possessed the same privilege, but Christ was pleased. Could anything be lost or wasted on Him? Among all the Patriots and population

THE CHRISTIAN WOMAN

She may wring her hands — nervously
She may fold her hands — let others do it
She may use her hands — for Jesus.

of heaven there will be only one who anointed the Christ. vs. 9 "Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, this also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her."

Our W. M. C. has passed the days of ladies aids, pink teas, and societies; it is a definite ministry to help win souls for the kingdom. It is an opportunity afforded us to express our love to Christ by helping to lighten the burden and lift the load both on the home front and the foreign fields.

CAMP MEETING STARTS JULY 1

Are you working on your displays? We are going to have a number of missionaries with us at Camp time. Let us do all we can to see them outfitted. How about tithing of your canned goods also?

Don't forget to collect your PENNIES? Remember our GOAL is \$2,000.00 for this coming year. The Arkansas District WMC did it and so can we!

Remember, you are not only the salt of the earth but the sugar.

When God measures men he places the tape around the heart, not the head.

Goldia Anderson Reports on National Convention News

In connection with the recent National Sunday School Convention in St. Louis, the National WMC Office conducted rally and committee meetings for the district presidents. I had the privilege of attending these services and found them of tremendous interest. They were under the direction of Edith Whipple, our National Secretary. Here briefly, are some of the highlights:

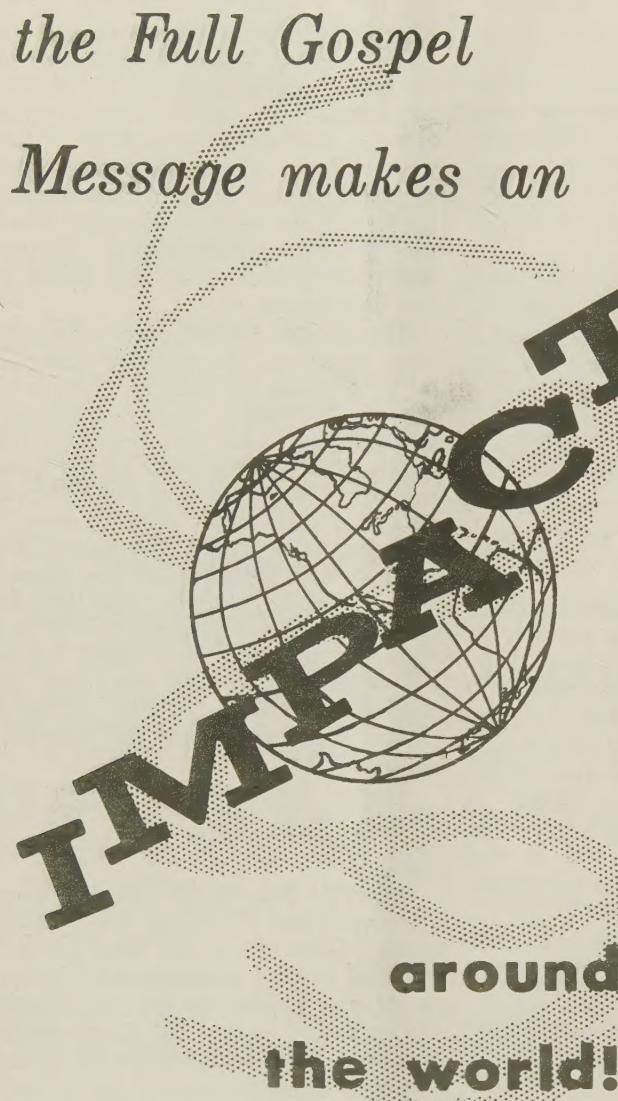
The directors of our National Children's Home in Hot Springs introduced us to some of their children and then in skit form presented their need for a commercial type washing machine. The weekly wash of the home includes: 100 pairs of sheets, 90 pairs of jeans, and 2,000 other garments. The cost of a proper commercial machine is over \$700.00 and this amount was raised by pledges from the district presidents. I pledged \$50.00 from this District. Will you stand behind me in this matter and send your donation, earmarked for the Children's Home Washer? Thanks for your kind co-operation.

One of our district presidents gave the slogan of her district: "We Can If I Will." I thought that was very good.

Sister Melvin Hansen from Wisconsin presented "Canning for Missionaries." Gifts of canned food are a financial help, a nutritional help, and a morale builder to the missionaries. I purchased one of the canning sealers and will demonstrate its use at our spring rallies.



WMC Day at the St. Louis Sunday School Convention. The meeting was held in the Gold Room of the Jefferson Hotel and both National and District WMC officers were in attendance. Our Sister Anderson is indicated by the arrow.



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GADSDEN, ALABAMA

This program will do much to help our Assemblies reach the people who otherwise we couldn't reach. After your first broadcast, a Doctor called one of our ministers to compliment Revivaltime. He was on a call when he turned on his radio. He said, "That preacher had something, I couldn't turn him off." God is surely using Revivaltime.

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

I have accepted Christ as my Saviour, thanks to your broadcast last Sunday. I was a backslider, but thank God I have come back into the fold again. By God's help I mean to go all the way with Him.

ALBANY, NEW YORK

I heard your sermon last evening for the first time and I hope never to miss it again. We are Roman Catholics but we all dropped on our knees. You surely did a lot for us.

SPARTA, WISCONSIN

We have our own broadcast and by faith we have been able to meet each month's obligations. The bill for February came yesterday. While I was praying about it God impressed me to pay tithes on the money received for our broadcast to REVIVALTIME. Though we are tested to tell the Lord that we need every penny we can get for our own broadcasts, I know one cannot out give God and when God speaks only obedience will be rewarded.

BANGOR, MAINE

A retired school teacher who attends our Assembly says, "I feel like John the Baptist has come back." A Baptist minister meets me each week and when he sees me he starts quoting part of your sermon. I want to congratulate you on preaching holiness.

KOHALA, HAWAII

Our little mission group is the youngest Assembly of God church in the Islands, and as yet are not blessed with much finances. Yet we would like to send in offerings when we can and would like to be included in those churches that are supporting the program. We encourage our people to listen to every program.

PURNEA DISTRICT, BIHAR, INDIA

Last night my nephew and I were much impressed by your soul-stirring radio broadcast and would like you to know we have found Christ and taken Him for our Redeemer and happy to give our testimony.

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